



**STRINGS MUSIC Audition Requirements**  
**Current Grade 8 Students**  
**2023-2024**

**Audition Format:** in person audition at  
Eastwood Collegiate 760 Weber St. East Kitchener, Ontario\*  
*\*If you require a virtual audition for any reason, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

**Prepare Ahead of Time**

- Solo on your string instrument of choice\*
- Play a Scale on your instrument\*

**\*Instruments you can choose from:**

Violin Viola Cello String Bass

*\*If you need to borrow an instrument from our music department, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

**How to Practise**

- Pick music that highlights your strengths and personality as a musician
- Pay attention to tempo, dynamics, style, and other musical elements in your solo
- Practise performing your solo and your scale for friends and family
- Bring an extra copy of your sheet music to share with your adjudicator

**The Audition**

**1. Strings Solo**

You will be asked to perform a solo on the string instrument of your choice. Play a solo or study that shows your current level of musical ability. Choose a piece that you enjoy and are confident in performing. This could be:

- a solo you've prepared for a concert, show, festival, or ceremony
- a traditional piece from your culture or religious practice
- a piece that you enjoy playing for fun.

All forms of music are acceptable! [If you are stuck for ideas, choose one of the solos provided on the IAP website.](#)

**2. Scale**

You will be asked to play a scale ascending and descending (up and down) on your instrument. Choose a scale that demonstrates your current technical ability.

**3. Musicianship**

You will be asked to do some of the following exercises during your audition (no need to prepare)

- Rhythm clapback
- Melody playback
- Sight reading
- Sing back

**4. Interview**

You will be asked some of the following questions during your audition

- What first got you interested in music?
- How would you describe the music that you typically perform, listen to, or create?
- Describe a musical memory.
- Who inspires you to play music?

*All presentations must be appropriate for a school environment.*